

REMARKS

Claims 1-17, 19-32, 34-48 were pending in the present application prior to this response. Claim 48 was rejected. No claims have been amended herein. Claim 48 has been canceled herein.

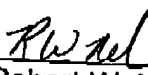
All claims were allowed except claim 48. Now that claim 48 is canceled, all claims are in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, all of the pending claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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